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Amendments to the Claims:

1 (original): A method for displaying recent items, comprising:
determining a recent item based on an access to the item; associating the recent item with a contact maintained in a contact list when the item has an associated contact;
placing the recent item in a recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;
generating the recent items list such that the recent item is only shown once within the recent items list; and
displaying the recent items list.

2 (currently amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a time associated with the a communication associated with the contact.

3 (currently amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a frequency associated with the communications associated with the contact.

4 (original): The method of Claim 2, further comprising determining a frequency associated with the communication.

5 (original): The method of Claim 1, further comprising replying to the recent item by using any available communication method.

6 (original): The method of Claim 5, wherein the communication method is selected from a set comprising a telephone call, an IM message, an SMS message, MMS message and an email.

7 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the recent item list is limited to a predetermined number of recent items.

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8 (currently amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein determining the recent item ~~based on the communication~~ further comprises determining when ~~the a communication associated with the recent item~~ is private and when the communication is private marking the communication as a non-recent item and not including the recent item in the recent items list.

9 (original): The method of Claim 2, further comprising displaying the time of the communication within a title bar of a contacts window when the recent item is highlighted.

10 (original): The method of Claim 1, further comprising turning off the display of the recent items list based on a setting.

11 (original): A system for displaying recent items, comprising:
a communications connection configured to receive a communication;
a display configured to display a recent items list; and
a recent items application configured to perform actions, including:

determining a recent item;

associating the recent item with a contact maintained in a contact list when recent item is based on the communication;

placing the recent item in the recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;

generating the recent items list such that the recent item is only shown once within the recent items list; and

displaying the recent items list on the display.

12 (original): The system of Claim 11, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a time associated with the communication.

13 (original): The system of Claim 12, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a frequency associated with the recent item.

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14 (original): The system of Claim 11, further comprising using the communication connection to reply to the recent contact by using any available communication method.

15 (original): The system of Claim 11, wherein the recent items list is limited to a predetermined number of recent items.

16 (currently amended): The system of Claim 12, wherein determining the recent ~~contact item~~ based on the communication further comprises determining when the communication is private and when the communication is private marking the communication as a non-recent ~~contact item~~ such that the recent item is not placed in the recent items list.

17 (original): The system of Claim 12, further comprising instructing the display to display the time of the communication within a title bar of a contacts window when the recent contact is highlighted.

18 (currently amended): A tangible computer-readable medium for displaying recent items, comprising:

determining a recent item based on an access to an item; attempting to associate the recent item with a contact maintained in a contact list;

placing the recent item in a recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;

generating the recent items list such that the recent item is only shown once within a the recent contact list; and

displaying the recent contact list.

19 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining at least one of a time associated with the access to the item and a frequency associated with the access to the item.

20 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, further comprising replying to the recent item by using any available communication method.

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21 (currently amended): The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, wherein determining the recent item based on the access to the item further comprises determining when a communication is private and when the communication is private marking the communication as a non-recent item and not including the recent item in the recent items list.

22 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 19, further comprising displaying the time of the access to the item within a title bar of a contacts window when the recent item is highlighted.

23 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, further comprising turning off the display of the recent items list based on a setting.